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SUBJ: PROPOSED IJC GROUNDWATER SURVEY

REF: STATE 169674

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM SEAN BRADY, EXTAFU USA DIVISION, REGARDING PROPOSED IJC GROUNDWATER SURVEY: BEGIN TEXT. I REFER TO YOUR REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED UNITED STATES REPLY TO THE FEBRUARY 10 LETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION PROPOSING A SURVEY OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER PROBLEMS ALONG THE BOUNDARY.

WE CONCUR IN THE PROPOSED UNITED STATES RESPONSE. I AM ATTACHING A COPY OF OUR PROPOSED REPLY TO THE COMMISSION'S LETTER, AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON IT. AS YOU WILL NOTE, OUR LETTER LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO APPROACH THE COMMISSION AT SOME FUTURE TIME WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATED TO BOUNDARY GROUNDWATER WHICH MAY ARISE IN THE COURSE OF FURTHER REVIEW. END TEXT.

2. TEXT OF CANADA'S PROPOSED REPLY TO IJC LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. CHANCE, I AM REPLYING FURTHER TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10, CALLING TO THE ATTEN- UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSION THAT A SURVEY SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE WHERE POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER PROBLEMS EXIST OR MAY ARISE ALONG THE CANADA-UNITED STATES BORDER IN ORDER THAT EFFECTIVE PLANNING OF THE USE OF THIS SHARED RESOURCE MAY BE BASED ON ADEQUATE INFORMATION.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT WHILE A GROUNDWATER SURVEY ALONG THE BOUNDARY WOULD BE OF SOME BENEFIT, THERE IS NO URGENT NEED FOR SUCH A STUDY AT THE MOMENT. ACCORDINGLY, IN LIGHT OF ITS PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INITIATE A BROAD SURVEY OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AT THIS TIME. THE GOVERNMENT WILL, HOWEVER, BE ACTIVELY REVIEWING THE MATTER, AND MAY WISH IN DUE COURSE TO BRING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATED TO BOUNDARY GROUNDWATER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PROVINCES AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

A LETTER EXPRESSING A SIMILAR CONCLUSION IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. YOURS SINCERELY, ALLAN J. MACEACHEN.  
END TEXT.  
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